

Exhibit 4: Letters of Support

LYNN WOOLSEY
6TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEES:
EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE
RANKING MEMBER, SUBCOMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION REFORM
SUBCOMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE PROTECTIONS
SCIENCE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY

WEB PAGE AND E-MAIL:
<http://www.woolsey.house.gov>

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0506

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
2263 RAYBURN BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-0506
TELEPHONE: (202) 225-5161

DISTRICT OFFICES:
1101 COLLEGE AVENUE, SUITE 200
SANTA ROSA, CA 95404
TELEPHONE: (707) 542-7182

NORTHGATE BUILDING
1050 NORTHGATE DRIVE, SUITE 354
SAN RAFAEL, CA 94903
TELEPHONE: (415) 507-9554

June 1, 2006

Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
11th Floor, 1330 Broadway,
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Support for Ross Valley Flood Protection and Environmental
Enhancement Project: Hydrology, Hydraulics & Fish Passage Model

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am in strong support of the County of Marin's request for the Coastal Conservancy's financial participation in the **Ross Valley Flood Protection and Creek Enhancement Project: Hydraulic & Fish Passage Model**. As you may know, the County of Marin and Ross Valley communities of Larkspur, Kentfield, Ross, San Anselmo, Sleepy Hollow, and Fairfax have been pressured financially due to the New Year's Eve flooding that caused tens of millions of dollars in flood damages.

The Ross Valley is now engaged in a community based planning process to develop an integrated flood protection and watershed improvement plan which will protect life and property while restoring fish passage for Steelhead and salmon. Over 200 local citizens attended the first community-planning meeting on May 20. There is renewed hope in the Ross Valley that an integrated set of actions can be agreed upon and implemented. The federal government is also actively involved in the process through two county-sponsored Corps of Engineer projects, the Corte Madera Creek Flood Control Project and the Corte Madera Watershed Plan. The Conservancy's funding for the hydraulic model will greatly assist this combined effort to integrate flood plain management, watershed management, riparian habitat enhancement, and fish passage improvements into an ultimate comprehensive plan.

Thank you for seriously considering funding the Ross Valley Flood Protection and Creek Enhancement Project. Please contact Tom Roth at my Santa Rosa District office (707) 542-7182 at if you have any questions about how this project fits in with a federal-state-local community collaboration to reduce flooding and enhance the Ross Valley watershed.

Sincerely,



Lynn Woolsey
Member of Congress

Exhibit 4: Letters of Support

CAPITOL OFFICE
STATE CAPITOL
ROOM 2059
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
(916) 651-4003

DISTRICT OFFICES
SAN FRANCISCO
455 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE
SUITE 14800
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102
(415) 557-1300

MARIN / SONOMA
3501 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
ROOM 425
SAN RAFAEL, CA 94903
(415) 479-6612

SENATOR.MIGDEN@SEN.CA.GOV

California State Senate

SENATOR
CAROLE MIGDEN
THIRD SENATE DISTRICT

CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS



COMMITTEES
APPROPRIATIONS
NATURAL RESOURCES
AND WATER
PUBLIC SAFETY
JOINT COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE BUDGET
SELECT COMMITTEE ON
CALIFORNIA'S WINE
INDUSTRY
SELECT COMMITTEE ON
CALIFORNIA'S HORSE
RACING
SELECT COMMITTEE ON
BAY AREA INFRASTRUCTURE

June 2, 2006

Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
11th Floor, 1330 Broadway,
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Letter of Support: Ross Valley Flood Protection and Environmental
Enhancement Project: Hydrology, Hydraulics & Fish Passage Model

Dear Mr. Bosco: *DOUG,*

I am in strong support of the County of Marin's request for Conservancy financial participation in the Ross Valley Flood Protection and Creek Enhancement Project: Hydraulic & Fish Passage Model. The Conservancy's participation in developing a plan for flood damage reduction and environment restoration is greatly appreciated. The County of Marin and Ross Valley communities of Larkspur, Kentfield, Ross, San Anselmo, Sleepy Hollow, and Fairfax have been pressured financially due to the New Year's Eve flooding that caused tens of millions of dollars in flood damages.

The Ross Valley is now engaged in a community based planning process to develop an integrated flood protection and watershed improvement plan which will protect life and property while restoring fish passage for Steelhead and salmon. Over 200 local citizens attended the first community-planning meeting on May 20. There is renewed hope in the Ross Valley that an integrated set of actions can be agreed upon and implemented. The Conservancy's funding for the hydraulic model will greatly assist to integrate flood plain management, watershed management, riparian habitat enhancement, and fish passage improvements in our ultimate plan of solutions.

Thank you for seriously considering the Ross Valley Flood Protection and Creek Enhancement Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carole Migden".

Senator Carole Migden
Senate District 3

Exhibit 4: Letters of Support

Barbara Thornton
Mayor

Wayne Cooper
Vice Mayor



525 San Anselmo Avenue, San Anselmo, CA 94960-2682
www.townofsananselmo.org

Peter Breen
Councilmember

Ted Freeman
Councilmember

Ian Roth
Councilmember

May 15, 2006

Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
11th Floor, 1330 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT: Ross Valley Flood Protection and Environmental
Enhancement Project Hydrology, Hydraulics & Fish Passage Model**

Dear Mr. Bosco,

This purpose of this letter is to indicate the Town of San Anselmo's strong support for the County of Marin's request for Conservancy financial participation in the Ross Valley Flood Protection and Creek Enhancement Project: Hydraulic & Fish Passage Model. The development of the hydraulic model has been identified as one of the greatest needs by our Town's Flood Committee. The Conservancy's participation in developing a plan for flood damage reduction and environment restoration is greatly appreciated. The County of Marin and Ross Valley Watershed cities and towns have been pressured financially due to the New Year's Eve flooding that caused an estimated \$30 million in damages in San Anselmo. The proposal will greatly assist to integrate flood plain management, watershed management, riparian habitat enhancement, and fish passage improvements in our ultimate plan of solutions.

Thank you for seriously considering the Ross Valley Flood Protection and Creek Enhancement Project. Please call me at 258-4652 if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

Debra Stutsman
Town Manager

Administration/Finance: 415-258-4600 - FAX 415-459-2477 - email: adm-finance@ci.san-anselmo.ca.us
Planning/Public Works/Building: 415-258-4616 - FAX 415-454-4683
emails: planning@ci.san-anselmo.ca.us - publicworks@ci.san-anselmo.ca.us

Exhibit 4: Letters of Support



May 22, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair of the Board
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Ross Valley Flood Protection and Creek Enhancement Project: Hydraulic and Fish Passage Model

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I represent Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed, an organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of Marin County's Corte Madera Creek watershed. I am writing to convey our support for a project that we understand will be considered for funding at your June meeting, the Ross Valley Flood Protection and Creek Enhancement Project.

A hydrodynamics model such as the one proposed will help to answer many questions and fill in data gaps in our understanding of this watershed. The recent flood has brought renewed interest in the flooding along Corte Madera Creek giving us a unique opportunity to build consensus toward flood solutions that will benefit both the community and the health of the creek and estuary. Development of alternatives and analysis of potential solutions requires a hydraulic model. This project provides the necessary funding to start work on such a model.

We appreciate the Conservancy's on-going efforts to advance watershed restoration in the San Francisco Bay Area. We ask you to fund the Ross Valley Flood Protection and Creek Enhancement Project Hydraulic Model to benefit the Corte Madera Creek watershed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cynthia L. Lowney
Member of the Board

Exhibit 4: Letters of Support



Central Marin Sanitation Agency
County of Marin
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
Marin County Sanitation District #5
Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program
Marin Municipal Water District
Napa Sanitation District
North Marin Water District
Novato Sanitary District
City of Petaluma
City of San Rafael
City of Sonoma
Sonoma County
Sonoma Valley County Sanitation Agency
Sonoma County Water Agency

Associate Members:
City of Novato
The Bay Institute

May 16, 2006

Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
11th Floor, 1330 Broadway,
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: LETTER OF SUPPORT: Ross Valley Flood Protection and
Environmental Enhancement Project Hydrology, Hydraulics &
Fish Passage Model

Dear Mr. Bosco,

This purpose of this letter is to indicate the North Bay Watershed Association's strong support for the County of Marin's request for Conservancy financial participation in the Ross Valley Flood Protection and Creek Enhancement Project: Hydraulic & Fish Passage Model. The development of the hydraulic model has been identified as one of the greatest needs in developing a plan for flood damage reduction and environment restoration. The proposal to integrate flood plain management, watershed management, riparian habitat enhancement, and fish passage improvements will be a model for other watersheds in the North Bay and the state.

The North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA) is a group of 15 regional and local public agencies located throughout Marin, Sonoma, and Napa counties. The mission of the NBWA is to facilitate partnerships across political boundaries that promote stewardship of the North Bay watershed resources. More information about NBWA can be found on our website--www.nbwatershed.org. NBWA developed a Watershed Stewardship Plan (Plan) in 2004 to provide a framework for protecting and enhancing the natural resources within the NBWA region of the North Bay. The Plan used a consensus-based approach to develop goals and objectives and compiled an inventory of projects and a GIS database. Projects on Corte Madera Creek were included in the GIS inventory.

The NBWA has recently adopted (December, 2005) an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) that is available on our website. The IRWMP prioritized the inventory of projects identified in the Watershed Stewardship Plan. The prioritization process was a collaborative effort that included some of our Watershed Council members and used the objectives developed earlier in the Watershed Stewardship Plan. Projects that achieved multiple objectives were rated higher than single purpose projects. The Corte Madera Creek restoration projects were rated very highly and are in our Tier I project category – the highest priority for implementation.

NBWA ♦ 220 Nellen Avenue ♦ Corte Madera, CA 94925
(415) 945-1108 ♦ www.nbwatershed.org

Exhibit 4: Letters of Support

Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
May 16, 2006
Page 2

The grant proposal is consistent with the policies adopted in our IRWMP and will help in addressing the priority implementation steps identified for 2006. In developing our most recent plan NBWA acknowledged that "integrated" projects were extremely important. One of our seven major policies is titled, "Support integrated flood protection, stormwater management, and habitat enhancement activities." This particular proposal is an excellent example and can be a model for other efforts in our area. The NBWA Board recently approved funding a proposal titled, "Obstacles and opportunities for integrated water management projects in the North Bay Watershed Association region" developed by the Sonoma Ecology Center. The proposal includes the following tasks: (1) Identify existing integrated projects and identify goals, outcomes and lessons learned; (2) Identify opportunities for integrated projects; (3) Identify barriers and obstacles that impede integrated projects; (4) Identify creative solutions or incentives to encourage integrated projects; and (5) Demonstrate the findings of the project. This will include a slide show intended for use inside the NBWA region and the San Francisco Bay Area. The proposal by the County of Marin for Corte Madera Creek will be included in this outreach effort and will have even more impact as an example if it can be described as a project funded by the state. In addition NBWA adopted another relevant policy, "Support efforts to protect and restore habitat for special status species within the NBWA Region." The Ross Valley Flood Protection and Environmental Enhancement Project will lead to flood management projects that will enhance habitat for the federally listed California steelhead trout, and potentially, Chinook and Coho salmon as well.

The NBWA Board meets monthly and has recently had a series of speakers that focused on the relationship between the bay, tidal areas, and the tributary watersheds. The Board received excellent presentations on some of the principle watersheds including the Napa River, Sonoma Creek, and the Petaluma River. These watershed presentations addressed habitat and fisheries, historic ecology, water quality, and geomorphology. One of the themes through all the presentations was the cumulative change in drainage over time (mostly for development and flood control) and the significant impacts on habitat and fisheries. These presentations reinforced the need to support more "integrated" projects. The most recent watershed presentation was on Corte Madera Creek at our May 5th Board meeting. Our guest speaker, Jack Curley of the Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, provided a superlative overview of the challenges facing the Ross Valley Watershed Integrated Management Program, including the need for a hydraulic model of the main stem and major confluences. Based on existing policies and prior presentations, the NBWA Board strongly supported this integrated approach and recognized the importance of developing a hydraulic model that addressed the entire watershed.

Thank you for seriously considering the Ross Valley Flood Protection and Creek Enhancement Project. Please call me at (415) 389-8237 if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

Harry Seraydarian

Harry Seraydarian
Executive Director
North Bay Watershed Association